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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, entry of the following amendments to the above-captioned patent application is respectfully requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Delete the fifth paragraph on page 8, lines 13-22 and insert therefor the following:

--Figures 16A to 16M present amino acid sequences of gp41 from known HIV virus strains and their consensus sequences based on statistical amino acid frequency. Amino acids are represented by the standard single letter code. The strains within each HIV clade are presented. A “-” in a sequence represents the amino acid present in the consensus sequence for that clade. A “.” represents an amino acid gap. A “?” in a consensus sequence represents any amino acid at that corresponding position found in a viral sequence within that clade. A lower case amino acid represents the most frequent amino acid from among all amino acids at that corresponding